



Revised Template With *Williams*-Related Reporting Elements

At its November 2004 meeting, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved School Accountability Report Card (SARC) revisions that include additional reporting elements mandated by the settlement in *Williams, et al. v. State of California, et al.*, and by subsequent urgency legislation. As a result, the CDE will release by mid-December 2004 a revised template and data definitions.

SARCs to be published in the 2004-05 school year must now include additional reporting elements related to (1) any needed maintenance to ensure "good repair" of school facilities, (2) the number of teacher "misassignments" and "vacant teacher positions," and (3) the availability of "sufficient textbooks and other instructional materials." The new reporting elements all have corresponding data definitions.

Additional information about the impact of the *Williams* case on the SARC can be found on the SARC web site by selecting [Williams Settlement and the SARC](#). The revised SARC template can be found at [SARC Templates](#) and data definitions can be found at [Data Element Definitions and Sources](#).

Is a District Accountability Report Card Required?

There has been some confusion during the past year about whether a district is required to produce its own, separate accountability report card. The short answer to this question is: no. Now, here's more on this topic:

The [SARC template](#) provided by the CDE includes all state and federally required reporting elements at both the school and district level. Therefore, a SARC, if thoroughly completed, serves as a district accountability report card as well. A district is not additionally required to produce a separate district accountability report card.

Suggestions for Effectively Posting a SARC on the Internet

Education Code (EC) Section 33126 requires local educational agencies (LEAs) to provide the California Department of Education (CDE) with an accurate link to the Web site address where the LEA has posted its SARCs. *EC* Section 33126 also requires the CDE to maintain a centralized set of

links to these LEA Web sites to facilitate public access to SARCs. SARC coordinators are required to inform the CDE of the LEA's SARC Web site address by selecting [Update Your SARC Web Site Link](#) on the CDE SARC web site.

The following are suggested guidelines for posting a SARC on a district Web site:

- Establish a SARC link on the district's home page.
- Maintain a SARC page with links to each school's report card and other information (such as a link to the CDE's SARC page) that parents and community members might find useful.
- Ensure that the SARCs can be easily found using a search engine or site index.

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